

Truckers Convoy and Protective Services

Key Messages – January 29, 2022 12:37 PM

- As expected, we are seeing a significant number of vehicles and demonstrators in the downtown core. I'll share the latest data we have in a moment.
- Road closures and traffic issues are being handled by police of jurisdiction. There are a number of road closures and lane reductions, including on the bridges between Gatineau and Ottawa.
- While overall, crowds remain peaceful, there are now counter demonstrators present, expressing support for vaccines, which may create added tensions. Some on the grounds of Parliament Hill are being verbally abusive.
- I can advise that the liaison between the police services and the core protest group indicates that this group is still holding firm to having a peaceful event.
- We do have some intelligence of social media posts advocating violence, but there are no specific threats at this point in time. All partners continue to monitor the situation and are prepared to respond as required.
- Some of the things we have seen through Open Source reporting include:
 - Twitter posts suggesting that the convoys may at some point converge near 24 Sussex Drive to continue their protest.
 - There is an uptick in social media posts pertaining to calls to storm Parliament Hill.
 - A post to the event Facebook group asks for known MP's addresses in Ottawa including the Prime Minister's residence and cottage. The posts suggest the convoy should break apart to protest at all these locations.

- Posts indicating that participants should protest in front of the US Embassy, given the US has also introduced a vaccine mandate for truckers wishing to cross the Canada-US border.
 - There was an image captured of a tractor trailer carrying a pick up truck and a smaller piece of equipment (possibly a construction light tower), a flat bed truck carrying another pick up truck and portable toilets; as well as what might be an excavator on the back of another truck. A large boat and a large ATV are also being hauled in the convoy.
 - We are also aware of a drone operator seen on the grounds of Parliament Hill yesterday afternoon.
 - A pro-climate group requested a permit from the City of Ottawa to protest around the convoy on January 29th in an effort to highlight the climate effects of the convoy.
 - PPS received an application by the organizer of 'Adopt a Trucker' fundraiser for a permit in support of a riser that will be installed for 2 days.
 - Open Source analysts are also looking into information surrounding social media posts regarding a 'Freeman of the Land' movement who are planning to attempt to serve a notice to the Governor General at Rideau Hall requesting the dissolution of Parliament.
- The RCMP has significant surge capacity on hand, and OPS has called in assistance from other police services – for example, Toronto and Durham.
 - The RCMP has also asked Transport Canada to temporarily expand their standard NOTAM over Parliament Hill to help manage the scene downtown.
 - With respect to the RCMP's protective mandate, you may have heard that late yesterday afternoon we held a call for the Chiefs of Staff for all Ministers. We had over 40 participants, provided them with an update, and advised them on where to direct questions that may come up over the weekend.

- Presently, s.37 and s. are at Harrington Lake with no plans to relocate. s.37 is in Montreal, and the Governor General and her spouse are in private quarters at Rideau hall with no plans to leave the site.
- Chief Supreme Court Justice Personal Info. at his residence and not returning to Ottawa until Feb 6th.
- Specific Ministers and their security postures are as follows:
 - s.37
s.37 Anticipated to return to NCR 2022-01-29.
 - s.37 IPO Team in support of International Deployment (2022-01-30 to 2022-01-01). Ministerial package for events of concern, no events planned at this time.
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- Perhaps the biggest concern raised during the call relates to the uncertainty of what will happen on January 31st. There has been open source reporting of demonstrators indicating their intention to stay and disrupt Parliament, as well as more general comments about wanting to gridlock the city and planning to stay until demands were met by the government.
- Our MLT is working with PPS to distribute a message to Ministerial CoSs regarding their plans to attend parliament on Jan 31st.

- We do not have a confirmed end date to this protest and it is possible it could carry over into next week.
- OPS has advised they will monitor the situation and the priority will be public safety.
- Should the demonstrations continue past Sunday, we are looking at all options to ensure a safe return to the House of Commons for all concerned.
- Our Ministerial Liaison Team will continue to proactively communicate and reach out to Ministers offices to assess the need for the deployment of protective measures.
- One other point I want to touch on is that we are seeing a number of solidarity protests being organized across the country through social media. Police of jurisdiction are engaged and monitoring.

Current Statistics - Latest Data (estimates): 2,949+ vehicles and 5,800+ demonstrators
Currently downtown: 500 vehicles + 450+ demonstrators • 20 semi trucks parked on Wellington St. • South convoy has arrived in Ottawa, convoy of an estimated 500 vehicles (350 passenger, 150 commercial) • Approximately 400-450 people on Parliament Hill Currently in the City - Jet Form Park: 55 vehicles Arriving today by 1:00pm: 2394 vehicles + unknown vehicles (US-QC) + 5,600 demonstrators • 534 vehicles (West convoy) • 850 vehicles (inclusive of East convoy and SQ data) • Port Hope Convoy = approximately 600 vehicles • Convoy of 100 vehicles travelling from Brighton, ON • Cornwall RCMP reporting that they are starting to see convoys, approximately 250 vehicles and several trucks

- Actions Pacifique expecting 5000 demonstrators to cross from Gatineau side to NCR, planning to park on the Gatineau side and travel by foot into the Ottawa area at 1330hrs
- Unknown number of demonstrators can be expected from the NCR